

Update about the coronavirus: commuting expenses



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Dear Colleague:

Ordinarily, commuting expenses are not reimbursable from either the Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) or Committee funds. However, the Committee on House Administration may authorize reimbursement of such expenses under "extraordinary circumstances." The Committee has determined that the current coronavirus pandemic constitutes extraordinary circumstances.

Accordingly, staff who may have unique commuting expenses associated with the coronavirus may seek reimbursement for those expenses. For example, staff who may need to use ride sharing in lieu of public transportation, due to being in a high-risk category or reduction in the availability of public transportation, may seek reimbursement for that expense. There may be other unique commuting scenarios that will be eligible for reimbursement. This authorization is in effect until further notice.

The pandemic is a rapidly developing situation. We strongly encourage all offices to closely monitor guidance from the Attending Physician and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding their recommendations for maintaining healthy workplaces and teleworking. The Committee has also previously authorized reimbursement for temporary teleworking expenses.

For more information or questions about specific commuting expenses, please call the Committee at (202) 225-2061 (majority) or (202) 225-8281 (minority).

Sincerely,

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Rodney Davis

Chairperson

Ranking Member